

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for rapidly advancing an electronic program guide, comprising the steps of:

5 displaying on a display device a time line having notches thereon delineating times and days in the future from a current day and time to which a marker can be slidably moved;

10 slidably moving the marker to a notch delineating a desired day and time in the future, thereby causing to be displayed in a time window displayed on the display device a time period displaying indicia for programs to be broadcast during the time period on said desired day and time.

15 2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the notches delineate times that are hours, days, weeks and months in the future from the current day and time.

3. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of moving the time window to view desired program indicia.

20 4. The method according to Claim 3, further comprising the step of moving the time window in one-half hour increments.

5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the marker can be selectively moved forward and backward in time.

6. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the marker can be selectively moved backwards in time to display indicia for programs that were already broadcast.

7. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the method is implemented using a remote control device.

8. A method for rapidly advancing an electronic program guide, comprising the steps of:

displaying on a display device a time line having notches thereon delineating times and days in the future from a current day and time to which a marker can be slidably moved;

displaying on the display device a time window defining a first time period on the current day, wherein the time window displays indicia for programs broadcast during the first time period of the current day; and

slidably moving the marker to a notch delineating a desired day and time in the future, thereby causing to be displayed in the time window a second time period displaying indicia for programs to be broadcast during

the second time period on said desired day and time.

9. The method according to Claim 8, wherein the second time period is for a period of time on a different day than the first time period

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10. The method according to Claim 8, wherein the second time period overlaps the first time period.

11. The method according to Claim 8, wherein the first and second
10 time periods are successive time periods.

12. An apparatus for rapidly advancing an electronic program guide, comprising:

15 a display device displaying a time line having notches thereon delineating times and days in the future from a current day and time; and

a slidable marker which can be slid to a notch delineating a desired day and time in the future, thereby causing to be displayed in a time window displayed on the display device a time period displaying indicia for programs to be broadcast during the time period on said desired day and time.

13. The apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the notches delineate times that are hours, days, weeks and months in the future from the current day and time.

5 14. The apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the time window can be moved in one-half hour increments.

15. The apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the marker can be selectively moved forward and backward in time.

10 16. The apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the marker can be selectively moved backwards in time to display indicia for programs that were already broadcast.

15 17. The apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the apparatus is operated using a remote control device.

18. An apparatus for rapidly advancing an electronic program guide, comprising:

20 a display device displaying a time line having notches thereon delineating times and days in the future from a current day and time to which

a marker can be slidably moved, and also displaying a time window defining a first time period on the current day, wherein the time window displays indicia for programs broadcast during the first time period of the current day; and

5 a slidable marker which can be slid to a notch delineating a desired day and time in the future, thereby causing to be displayed in the time window a second time period displaying indicia for programs to be broadcast during the second time period on said desired day and time.

10 19. The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the second time period is for a period of time on a different day than the first time period

20. The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the second time period overlaps the first time period.

15 21. The apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the first and second time periods are successive time periods.